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SUBJECT: KOHL TO HEAD GDR PERMANENT MISSION IN BONN?

1. FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ARTICLE SEPTEMBER 11 HAS
ADDED TO GROWING SPECULATION THAT GDR WILL SEND STATE
SECRETARY MICHAEL KOHL AS HEAD OF ITS FUTURE PERMANENT
MISSION IN BONN, INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUS RUMORED CHOICE,
NEUES DEUTSCHLAND CHIEF EDITOR JOACHIM HERRMANN. THE
FAZ STORY, WRITTEN BY DETTMAR CRAMER, NOTESTHAT SUCH
A SWITCH TO KOHL IS SURPRISING IN THAT IT WOULD SERVE
TO EMPHASIZE THE SPECIAL NATURE OF INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS
--AN FRG GOAL BUT NOT A GDR ONE. CRAMER'S STORY ACQUIRES
A CERTAIN ADDED WEIGHT DUE TO RECENT SPECULATION IN
OTHER PAPERS, NOTABLY THE SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG, THAT
CRAMER HIMSELF WILL BE NAMED PRESS SPOKESMAN FOR THE
FRG PERMANENT MISSION IN EAST BERLIN.

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2. CRAMER COMMENTS THAT IT IS APPARENT THAT THE GDR WISHES TO DRAG OUT TALKS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERMANENT MISSIONS, AND SEES THE STIFFNESS SHOWN BY THE CZECHS ON THE WEST BERLIN LEGAL ASSISTANCE ISSUE AS ONE MEANS OF DOING SO. CRAMER GOES ON TO SAY THAT THE CURRENT STRIDENCY IN GDR CRITICISM OF FRG BERLIN AND EAST-WEST POLICIES MAY BE REFLECTED IN A STRAINED ATMOSPHERE IN THE SEPTEMBER 13 BAHR-KOHL TALKS IN BONN. HILLENBRAND

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